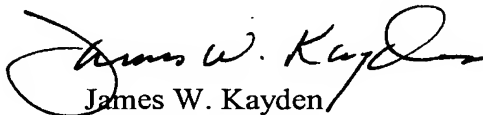


**REMARKS**

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1-29 are amended to conform more closely to a conventional U.S. format, to remove multiple claim dependencies, and to correct minor informalities. Claims 1-29 remain pending. Please enter the foregoing amendments before calculation of any claim fees.

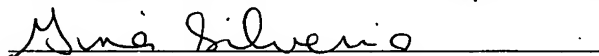
Favorable consideration of the present application is hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (770) 933-9500.

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